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Item 1
Organizational matters

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The election will take place on 11 January 2010. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2010 should be elected from the Board members of the Latin American and Caribbean States group.

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda and agree on the work plan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board will also approve the report of its second regular session 2009. A draft report was distributed to Board members for their comments; the final report contains comments received by or before the deadline.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a work plan for 2010 was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Board and is submitted to the Board for adoption.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan (DP/2010/L.1)

Report of the second regular session 2009 (DP/2010/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2009 (DP/2010/2)

Annual work plan for 2010 (DP/2010/CRP.1)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The report on UNDP budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 contains UNDP budget proposals and related estimates in the results-based format. It forms an integral part of and underpins the strategic plan 2008-2011 (extended to 2013), as approved by the Executive Board in its decisions 2007/32 and 2008/15. It is formulated and presented pursuant to decision 2009/22 on the methodology and approach to the UNDP biennial support budget, 2010-2011. The decision endorsed an approach that emphasized cost efficiencies, investing in the organization and improving accountability and transparency. It also endorsed a broad classification and further subclassification of UNDP activities and associated costs. The Board

may wish to approve the UNDP budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 and adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

UNDP budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 (DP/2010/3)

Report of the ACABQ on the UNDP budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 (DP/2010/4)

Item 3
Programming arrangements

The report on the mid-term review of programming arrangements responds to Executive Board decision 2007/33, which approved the 2008-2011 programming arrangements and requested UNDP to submit a mid-term review. It also responds to decision 2009/22, which endorsed a broad classification and further sub-classification of UNDP activities and associated costs. The review focuses on two major areas. The first area pertains to the rationalization of the programming arrangements within the context of decision 2009/22, for which several proposals are identified. The second pertains to increasing flexibility and responsiveness to programme country demands, which can benefit from further strengthening through the gradual formulation of concrete proposals for subsequent incorporation into the programming arrangements period. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision in this regard.

Documentation:

Mid-term review of programming arrangements, 2008-2011 (DP/2010/5)

Item 4
Gender in UNDP

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2009/6, an oral progress report on the implementation of the corporate gender equality strategy will be presented under this item. The report will focus on UNDP progress in implementing the strategy, including challenges and opportunities, at country, regional and global level. The report will present gender equality results in each thematic area of UNDP work, namely: poverty reduction and the Millennium Development Goals, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery and environment and sustainable development. In addition, the report will highlight progress on institutional results, focusing on inter-agency coordination, capacity development, knowledge management, gender parity and accountability for gender equality results.

Item 5
Country programmes and related matters

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following regional and country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Uganda;

Arab States region: draft regional programme document for the Arab States;

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States region: Romania;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Argentina, Guatemala.

Item 6
United Nations Capital Development Fund

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2008/21, the Board will have before it the report on the implementation of UNCDF cost recovery policy, approved in decision 2008/4. UNCDF also seeks to adopt the newly approved UNDP cost categories to increase transparency and accountability in the way resources are used.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of cost recovery policy (DP/2010/6)

Item 7
United Nations Development Fund for Women

In its decision 2009/19, the Executive Board decided to defer consideration of the UNIFEM budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 to the first regular session 2010. The present report contains the preliminary submission by UNIFEM of the budget estimates for 2010-2011, using a results-based approach. As requested by the Board in its decision 2008/2, the new biennial budget has achieved a progressive decrease as a proportion of overall resources and includes budget estimates, by cost category. Finally, UNIFEM is requesting the authority to utilize up to $1.6 million from regular resources to cover United Nations-mandated security costs, and $0.6 million for costs related to adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards and enhancement of the Atlas system. The Board may wish to approve the UNIFEM budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 and adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

UNIFEM budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 (DP/2010/7)

Report of the ACABQ on the UNIFEM budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 (DP/2010/8)

UNOPS segment

Item 8
United Nations Office for Project Services

The report on the UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 is presented in the harmonized results-based format adopted by UNDP, UNFPA and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The budget strategy is driven by the UNOPS strategic plan, 2010-2013, approved by the Executive Board in its decision 2009/25. The Board may wish to approve the UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 and adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 (DP/2010/9)

Report of the ACABQ on the UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2010-2011 (DP/2010/10)

Joint segment

Item 9
Report to the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Board will have before it the joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council. The joint report was prepared in compliance with General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and transmit it, with its comments, to the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation:

Joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council (E/2010/5)

Item 10
Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

Pursuant to decision 97/2, the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2006-2007 are submitted to the Executive Board at the current session.

The reports provide updated information on further actions taken towards the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2007 (for UNDP: A/63/5/Add.1; for UNFPA: A/63/5/Add.7; and for UNOPS: A/63/5/Add.10).

The UNDP report reviews progress made since the last update at the first regular session 2009 in the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2006-2007. It also reviews progress made and challenges encountered in addressing the revised 'top 11' management priorities in addressing audit issues in 2008-2009.

Details of the audit recommendations pertaining to UNFPA and the status of their implementation are provided in a separate annex, which is available on the UNFPA Executive Board website.

The UNOPS report highlights the progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2007. It summarizes the current status of issues relevant to those recommendations and the UNOPS management plan to address them, including actions yet to be fully implemented. The year 2008 was the first year during which the Internal Audit Office functioned as the UNOPS Internal Audit Office. The UNOPS Internal Audit Office was fully staffed during 2008 and recorded a significant increase in the internal audit coverage of UNOPS compared to previous years, enhancing the overall internal control environment of UNOPS.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2006-2007.

Documentation:

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2006-2007 (DP/2010/11)

UNFPA: Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2006-2007: Status of implementation of recommendations (DP/FPA/2010/15)

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2006-2007 (DP/2010/14)

Items 2 and 11

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The Executive Board will be briefed on the follow-up to decisions 2009/22 and 2009/26 and will have before it a joint informational note on a road map for achieving the objectives outlined in decisions 2009/22 and 2009/26.

UNFPA segment

Item 11
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Under this item, in response to decisions 2007/15 and 2009/26, the Executive Board will have before it a document on the implementation of the UNFPA policy on indirect cost recovery. The report includes information on actual cost recovery for 2007 and 2008, and on the level of variable indirect costs. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report.

As requested in decision 2009/26, the Executive Board will also have before it a corrigendum of the results matrix, estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011. It may be recalled that the UNFPA biennial support budget, 2010-2011, was approved by the Board at its second regular session 2009. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the corrigendum of the results matrix.

Documentation:

Review of the implementation of the UNFPA policy on indirect cost recovery (DP/FPA/2010/16)

Corrigendum of the results matrix, estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011 (DP/FPA/2009/10/Corr.1)

Item 12
Country programmes and related matters

In accordance with decision 2006/36 of the Executive Board, the following two country programmes, which were discussed at the second regular session 2009, will be approved on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board:

Africa: Uganda

Latin America and the Caribbean: Guatemala

Item 13
Other matters

As the global financial crisis continues during 2009-2010 we will witness a continued intensification of job losses – especially in Europe and East Asia – and a broad-based increase in the working poor and people with vulnerable employment situations. These developments will usually have the most severe impact on youth and women. Within the framework of the Global Jobs Pact, United Nations organizations will focus predominantly on assisting governments in accelerating employment creation, jobs recovery and sustainable enterprises, while building social protection systems that protect the most vulnerable and people that do not have labour as a resource. Building on joint work on the growth-employment-poverty nexus at global level, UNDP and other United Nations organizations will promote the integration of employment-led growth strategies into poverty reduction strategy papers and other national programming frameworks. At the country level, renewed efforts will be made to promote effective policies for employment-led-growth; sustainable enterprise development and competitiveness; inclusive financial sectors; vocational education and training; and effective cash transfer and employment guarantee programmes.

Documentation:

Global Jobs Pact, including private sector development and efforts among United Nations organizations (DP/2010/12)

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (15 and 18 January 2010)

Themes:

(a) 'Delivering as one': Strengthening country-level response to gender-based violence

(b) Climate change

(c) Recovering from economic and financial crisis: Food security and safety nets

(d) Stocktaking on the Millennium Development Goals

TENTATIVE WORK PLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2010
(11 and 19 to 22 January 2010, New York)

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Monday, 11 January	11 a.m. – 12 noon		Election of the Bureau of the Board for 2010
Friday, 15 January; Monday, 18 January			JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP
Tuesday, 19 January	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session • Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2009 • Adoption of the annual work plan 2010 of the Executive Board **UNDP SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • UNDP biennial support budget, 2010-2011 • Report of the ACABQ on the UNDP biennial support budget, 2010-2011
	3 - 5 p.m.	2	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
		3	PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS • Mid-term review of programming arrangements, 2008-2011
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 20 January	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	3 - 5 p.m.		STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd)
		11	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Update on UNFPA policy on indirect cost recovery • Corrigendum of the results matrix, estimates for the biennial support budget, 2010-2011
		12	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Approval of country programme documents
	5 - 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Thursday, 21 January	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		6	UNCDF • Report on the implementation of cost recovery policy
		7	UNIFEM • UNIFEM biennial support budget, 2010-2011 • Report of the ACABQ on the UNIFEM biennial support budget, 2010-2011 • Criteria and methodology for regular resources allocation

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
			UNOPS SEGMENT
		8	UNOPS • UNOPS biennial support budget, 2010-2011 • Report of the ACABQ on the UNOPS biennial support budget, 2010-2011
	3 - 5 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		4	GENDER IN UNDP • Oral report of the Administrator on the implementation of the UNDP gender strategy and action plan
		5	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Approval of regional and country programme documents
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday, 22 January	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		**JOINT SEGMENT**
		10	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2006-2007
		9	REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL • Report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council
		2,11	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS • Joint informational note on road map for achieving the objectives outlined in decisions 2009/22 and 2009/26
		13	OTHER MATTERS • Global Jobs Pact, including private sector development and efforts among United Nations agencies
	3 - 6 p.m.	13	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the tentative work plan for the annual session 2010